IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A contents distribution system for distributing contents to clients of a user, wherein the user is capable of owning two or more clients, and each client legally uses the contents in compliance with an acquired license, said contents distribution system comprising:

registration means for registering each client of the user and acquiring customer-related information;

customer-related information management means for managing customer-related information;

contents supply means for supplying contents to a client in compliance with a request from the client;

license supply means for supplying, in compliance with a request from a client, a license for contents acquired from said contents supply means to the client who has acquired the contents;

means for receiving a request from the client, which has already acquired the contents and the license for content, for authorization to transfer the content to a move destination client; and

contents copy certificate supply means for generating, in response to the request received from the client, a contents copy certificate that identifies the move destination client, contains a license for [[a]] the move destination client and indicates that a transfer of the contents from the client to the move destination client is legal, and supplying the contents copy certificate to the client, which also indicates a contents move from one client of the user to an other is legal, to the move source client.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~move source~~ client and the move destination client are registered with different license supply means so that each license supply means supplies its own public key, and wherein said contents copy certificate supply means electronically signs the contents copy certificate with a secret key of a license supply means with which the move destination client is registered.

4. (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said contents copy certificate supply means acquires a license ID concerning the contents to be ~~moved~~ transferred and a client ID of [[a]] the move destination client from said ~~move source~~ client, sends an inquiry to said customer-related information management means to verify that the ~~move source~~ client is legal, and that the ~~move source~~ client has already acquired a license for the contents to be transferred ~~moved~~, and further that the user owning the ~~move source~~ client actually owns the move destination client, and then supplies [[a]] the contents copy certificate.

5. (Original) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said customer-related information management means manages a table defining the association between leaf IDs and client IDs, a table defining the association between client IDs and client public key certificates, a table defining the association between client IDs and user IDs, a table defining the association between contents IDs and license IDs, a table defining the association between user IDs and contents IDs of downloaded contents, a table defining the

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association between user IDs and license IDs of downloaded licenses, and a history of

contents copy certificate issues.

6. (Original) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said

customer-related information management means updates the customer-related information

each time said contents supply means supplies contents to a client and/or each time said

license supply means supplies a license to a client.

7. (Original) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, further

comprising billing process means for performing a billing process on a client in accordance

with a license supply and/or a contents copy certificate supply to the client.

8. (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 7,

wherein [[the]] an amount billed by said billing process means for a license supply differs

from the amount billed for a contents copy certificate supply.

9-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A contents distribution server for distributing contents to

clients of a user, wherein the user is capable of owning two or more clients, said contents

distribution server comprising:

a processor configured to register each client of the user and acquire customer-related

information;

a memory configured to manage customer-related information;

a processor configured to supply contents to a client in compliance with a request

from the client;

the network interface configured to supply, in compliance with a request from a

client, a license for contents to the client who has acquired the contents;

the network interface configured to receive a request from the client, which has

already acquired the contents and the license for contents, for authorization to transfer the

contents to a move destination client;

a processor configured to generate, in response to the request received from the client,

a contents copy certificate that identifies the move destination client, contains a license for

[[a]] the move destination client and indicates that a transfer of the contents from the client to

the move destination client is legal, and

the network interface configured to supply the contents copy certificate, which also

indicates a contents move from one client of the user to an other is legal, to the move source

client.

15. (Currently Amended) A contents distribution method performed by a contents

distribution server for distributing contents to clients of a user, wherein the user is capable of

owning two or more clients, the method comprising:

registering each client of the user and acquiring customer-related information;

managing customer-related information;

supplying contents to a client in compliance with a request from the client;

supplying, in compliance with a request from a client, a license for said contents to

the client who has acquired the contents;

receiving a request from the client, which has already acquired the contents and the

license for said contents, for authorization to transfer the content to a move destination client;

generating, in response to the request received from the client, a contents copy

certificate that identifies the move destination client, contains a license for [[a]] the move

destination client and indicates that a transfer of the content from the client to the move

destination client is legal; and

supplying the contents copy certificate, which also indicates a contents move from

one client of the user to an other is legal, to the move source client.

16. (New) The contents distribution server according to claim 14, wherein the client

and the move destination client are configured to register with different license supply servers

so that each license supply server supplies its own public key, and said processor is

configured to electronically sign the contents copy certificate with a secret key of a license

supply server with which the move destination client is registered.

17. (New) The contents distribution server according to claim 14, wherein said

network interface is configured to acquire a license ID concerning the contents to be

transferred and a client ID of the move destination client from said client, send an inquiry to

said processor to verify that the client is legal, and that the client has already acquired a

license for the contents to be transferred, and further that the user owning the client actually

owns the move destination client, and then supply the contents copy certificate.

18. (New) The contents distribution method according to claim 15, further

comprising:

registering the client and the move destination client with different license supply

servers, which each supply its own public key;

electronically signing the contents copy certificate with a secret key of a license

supply server with which the move destination client is registered.

19. (New) The contents distribution method according to claim 15, further

comprising:

acquiring a license ID concerning the contents to be transferred and a client ID of the

move destination client from said client;

verifying that the client is legal, and that the client has already acquired a license for

the contents to be transferred, and further verifying that the user owning the client actually

owns the move destination client; and

supplying the contents copy certificate.